



Dorset County Association of Church Bell Ringers

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Bell Restoration Fund is a registered charity. Charity number 294239

Standing Orders

(as amended on 7th August 2021)

1. Financial Amounts

Life membership subscription	£6
Steepleage at practices and meetings ^{[1][2][3][4]}	Adults £1.50 In Full Time Education FREE
Suggested Peal Fee per rope ^[5]	Adults £1 In Full Time Education 50p

[1] At practices £10 be donated to the host tower.

[2] All attendees at a practice (including members of the host tower) will be asked to pay the steepleage.

[3] Steepleage does not apply to Virtual Ringing.

[4] 50% of any profit from Steepleage (i.e. after tower donation) is donated to the BRF at the end of the year.

[5] The peal fee is only a suggestion so that Gift Aid can be claimed. It is hoped that most members will contribute more than the suggested amount.

2. Expenses Policy

- Expenses will only be paid for directly incurred costs (i.e. postage, purchasing items, conference entry fees, etc.). No expenses will be paid for personal travel, accommodation, food or drinks.
- Except under exceptional circumstances no expenses will be paid unless accompanied by receipts.
- The Committee can agree to give a grant at their discretion.

3. Funds operated by DCA and DCA BRF

The following Funds will be operated:

DCA General Fund

General day to day expenses of the DCA.

DCA Training and Recruitment Fund

Restricted Fund for use of Training and Recruitment purposes only. This will be funded by application to external fund raising charities (i.e. The Dorchester Mayor's Car Boot Fund) and thus may be suspended when applications have not been successful.

DCA BRF General Fund

Bell Restoration Fund operated under the DCA BRF charity to facilitate grants to any Tower in Dorset.

DCA BRF Bradford Peverell Restricted Fund

Bell Restoration Fund operated under the DCA BRF charity to facilitate grants only to Bradford Peverell.

4. Mobile Bell Tower

- The tower can be used at DCA Events if accompanied by a DCA Officer.
- To Hire the Tower (collected from the storage location) a fee of £20 (£10 for DCA Members) per day is charged and a returnable deposit of £50 must be lodged against breakages.
- If the Tower is booked to be taken by a DCA Officer to an event then a charge of £50 per day is made plus travel expenses at 45p/mile.
- Whilst in use the Tower must be controlled by a Bell Ringer at all times.
- Storage and administration of bookings of the tower will be the responsibility of the Treasurer. All finance associated with the Tower will be under the DCA Training and Recruitment Fund.

5. Safeguarding

The DCA recognises the importance of Safeguarding as required by the Church of England. To demonstrate this:

- The **Ringling Master** is required to hold the equivalent qualifications to a **Tower Captain** (CofE Safeguarding Level 3 – Leadership training and Enhanced Adult & Child DBS)
- The **Assistant Ringling Masters** is required to hold the equivalent qualifications to a **Vice Tower Captain** (CofE Safeguarding Level 2 – Foundation training and Enhanced Adult & Child DBS)
- The **Training Officer** is required to hold the equivalent qualifications to a **Bell Ringling Instructor** (CofE Safeguarding Level 2 – Foundation training and Enhanced Adult & Child DBS)
- The **Safeguarding Officer** is required to hold the equivalent qualifications to a **Parish Safeguarding Officer** (CofE Safeguarding Level 3 – Leadership training and Enhanced Adult & Child DBS).
** The Salisbury Safeguarding Team have agreed the DCA Safeguarding Officer can have access to their DBS issuing system when they have these qualifications.

The Safeguarding Officer should be provided with certificates for DCA records of the above training / DBS within 3 months of taking office.

To ensure safeguarding protection at least 2 people of the 4 key ringing roles (Ringling Master, Assistant Ringling Masters or Training Officer) be present at each DCA Ringling Meeting